

and then sat down,) proposed to the house for their speaker, until the present speaker should be able to resume his duties, William A. Henry, esquire, and moved "that William A. Henry, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker, until the present speaker shall be enabled to resume the duties of the office"—which motion was seconded by Mr. Doyle, and the question thereon having been put by the clerk, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, Mr. Henry was conducted to the chair by Mr. Doyle.

Makes acknowledgments.

Mr. Speaker elect addressed the house, and expressed his high gratification at the honor which the house had been pleased to confer upon him in electing him to act as their speaker during the inability of their speaker to attend the house, in consequence of his indisposition.

Speaker elect with house wait upon governor.

Mr. Speaker elect, with the house, then went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his excellency by the hon. the attorney general, who addressed his excellency as follows :

*May it please your excellency :*

Speaker presented.

The house of assembly, agreeably to your excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a temporary speaker, until the present speaker shall be enabled to resume his duties, and have elected William A. Henry, esquire, member for the county of Sydney, to act as speaker, and by their direction I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your excellency.

Approved.

After which, his excellency was pleased to say—"I approve of the temporary speaker whom the house of assembly have chosen."

Speaker reports approval.

The house having returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency, where his excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the house had made of him to be their speaker, during the inability of the speaker to attend the house, and that he had thereupon addressed his excellency to the following effect :

*May it please your excellency :*

And grant of usual privileges.

The choice which the house of assembly have made of me to act as their speaker, until the speaker shall be enabled to resume his duties, having been approved of by your excellency, and your excellency having been pleased, at the first session of the present general assembly, to grant the usual rights and privileges of the house of assembly, it only remains for me to solicit from your excellency the most favorable construction of all my acts, as such acting speaker, while I continue to hold the office.

Mr. Speaker also reported that his excellency in reply said—

*Mr. Speaker—*

I most cheerfully grant your request.

Speaker reports governor's speech.

Mr. Speaker then reported that his excellency had, in the council chamber, been pleased to make a speech to both houses of the provincial parliament—of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy—which he read to the house as follows :

Speech.

*Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council :*

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :*

I regret that I have to announce to you the death of his late majesty the king of Hanover.

Since the close of the last session two despatches have been received from the right honorable the secretary of state for the colonies, which will render indispensable a re-consideration of the acts providing for the construction of inter-colonial railways.

Delegates have arrived here from Canada and New Brunswick, and with a view to meet the altered circumstances in which the provinces are placed, have made propositions to my government,